GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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ADOPTION OF CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government`s plan to encourage adoption of children in the country have so far failed due to cumbersome procedures involved therein;

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to improve the situation on this front;

(c) whether the Government propose to simplify the procedure involved and also the involve voluntary organizations in this field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) Presently inter-country adoptions are governed by the Revised Guidelines for adoption of Indian children issued in 1995, which are based on the directions/guidelines issued by the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India. Adoption of children in India is done under the Hindu Adoption & Maintenance Act, 1956. The Ministry has circulated instructions to the StateGovernments for uniform guidelines to be used all over the country for facilitating in- country adoptions. A large number of Voluntary Organisations are also involved in the field of adoption and the Ministry also runs a scheme known as Scheme of Assistance to VoluntaryOrganisations for Homes (Shishu Greh) for Infants for Promoting in-country Adoption.